

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 28 of page 5 and ending at line 6 of page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph.

In accordance with other embodiments of the invention, a gaming apparatus hosting a gaming activity, where the gaming apparatus includes a video or mechanical display grid including various primary grid elements which each include a plurality of primary game symbols, and at least one secondary grid element having a plurality of secondary game symbols. The apparatus further includes a processor configured to present the primary and secondary grid elements, present the secondary grid element(s) as a replacement element(s) to at least one of the primary grid elements, and to determine results of the gaming activity based on the primary game symbols in conjunction with one or more secondary game symbols of the replacement element(s).